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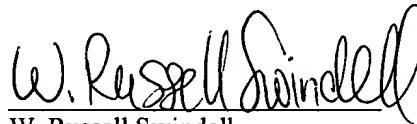
(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/429,360, Confirmation No.5832, entitled "PERSONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES," filed October 28, 1999;

(2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,279, Confirmation No. 3900 entitled "SMART CARD SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES," filed October 20, 1999; and

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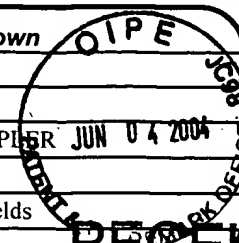
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	C1	D. Mills, "Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP) Version 4 for IPva, IPv6, and OSI", October 1996.	
	C2	Office Action for Application 09/609,646, February 17, 2004.	
	C3	Office Action for Application 09/421,279, September 15, 2003.	
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